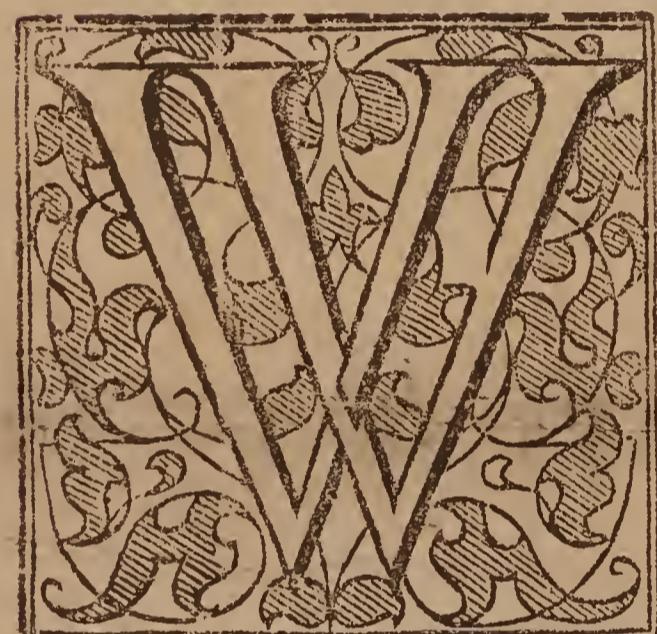




¶ By the King.

A Proclamation for a generall and publike Thankes- giuing to Almighty God, for his great mercy in staying his hand, and asswaging the late fearefull Visitation of the Plague.



Hereas the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, vpon the fearefull increase, and spreading of the late Infection of the Plague, in the Imperial City of this Kingdome, and places adiacent, and from thence in the moze remote places of the Land, out of his most Religious consideration of the immediate hand of God therem, did command, that all his people throughout this whole Realme, should by fasting & prayer humble themselves unto Almighay God, and by their true repentance and humiliation seeke to diuert his wrath, and fearefull Visitation; And his Maiestie himselfe in His owne Person did give a memorable example thereof to all his people, whiche Religious duety, being accordingly obserued, and for divers moneths continued, it hath pleased God of his abundant mercie and goodnesse to stay his hand, and beyond the policie and hopes of man, to withdraw his Rod, and almost wholly to remoue the same.

Now the Kings Maiestie, with all possible Thankes, acknowledging the gracious mercie of the Divine Maiestie, towards himselfe and his people, and acknowledging also, that they are not worthy of future faours, who are not truly thankful for benefits already received, hath thought fit, that, by his Royal authority, there should be a generall and publike Thankesgiving to God throughout this whole Kingdome, for so great & gracious a deliverance. And therefore he doth hereby command, and publish his Royal pleasure to be, That vpon Sunday, the nine & twentith of this present moneth of Januari, in, and throughout the Cities of London and Westminster, and places adiacent; And vpon the nineteenth day of February next, in all other places of this Realme, there shall be celebrated a publike Thankesgiving to God for this so great mercie.

The manner and forme whereof, shall be directed by a small Booke, which shall to that purpose be composed by the Renyred Bishops, by his Maiesties expresse direction, and by them shall be sent and dispersed through their severall Diocesse; Whereof his Maiesties pleasure is, that all his louing Subjects shall take notice, and religiously, with that deuotion whiche appertaineth to so pious a Worke, shall solemnize the same.

Given at Our Court at White-Hall, the two and twentith day of Januari, in the first yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God sauе the King.

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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie. M. D. C. XXV.